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### DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

That my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

That I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **MICRONIZED EPLERENONE COMPOSITIONS** the specification of which (check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on 12/8/99 as Application, Serial No. 09/456,614 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

That I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

That I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

That I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

#### Prior Foreign Application(s)

#### Priority Claimed

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)

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Yes No

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(Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)

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Yes No

That I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

#### United States Application(s)

<u>60/111,646</u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>December 9, 1998</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Pending</u> (Status)-(Patented, pending, abandoned)
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That all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

I hereby appoint the following attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and request that all correspondence and telephone calls in respect to this application be directed to: WELSH & KATZ, LTD., 120 South Riverside Plaza, 22nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606-3913, Telephone No.: (312) 655-1500:

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## Assignment

Serial No. 09/456,614

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WHEREAS:

Thosar, Shilpa S., residing at 9701 Dee Road, Des Plaines, Illinois 60017, citizen of India, Gokhale, Rajeev D., residing at 1817 Waxwing Lane, Waukegan, Illinois 60048, citizen of India and Tolbert, Dwain S., residing at 38222 Golf Lane Drive, Wadsworth, Illinois 60083, citizen of the United States (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

MICRONIZED EPLERENONE COMPOSITIONS

for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been executed on , and

WHEREAS:

G.D. Searle & Co., having a place of business at 5200 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077 (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a Delaware Corporation, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and the United States Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that in consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE TO ASSIGNORS of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer to ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and all Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefor on said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof and in and to all Letters Patent and all Convention and Treaty rights of all kinds, in all countries throughout the world for said invention for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

ASSIGNORS covenant that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent as may

be known and accessible to ASSIGNORS and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representative any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain and enforce said rights, said application, said invention and said Letters Patent which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and seal this day of \_\_\_\_\_.

Date 06/01/00

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Date 06/01/00

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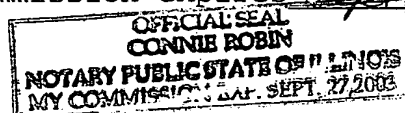
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I hereby certify that Shilpa S. Thosar, Rajeev D. Gokhale and Dwain S. Tolbert, before me personally appeared and acknowledged that the foregoing assignment was duly signed, sealed and delivered by them as their free and voluntary act on this 1st day of June, 2000.

(SEAL)

Connie Robin  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires Sept 27, 03



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SERIAL NO.: 09/456,614 ) GROUP ART UNIT: 1614  
FILED: December 8, 1999 ) EXAMINER: Unknown  
TITLE: MICRONIZED EPLERENONE COMPOSITIONS  
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POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST

Sir:

As assignee of the entire interest of the above identified application, Pharmacia Corporation, formerly doing business as G.D. Searle & Co., hereby REVOKES all powers of attorney previously given and hereby APPOINTS the following practitioners to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected with said application:

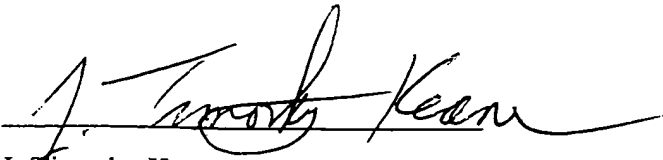
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Assignment of the present application to G.D. Searle & Co. was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office on June 5, 2000 at reel/frame no. 010876/0168.

In accordance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned has reviewed all documents in the chain of title of the above identified application, and to the best of his knowledge and belief, title is in Pharmacia Corporation as assignee of the entire interest.

The undersigned, whose title is supplied below, is empowered to sign this Power of Attorney.

  
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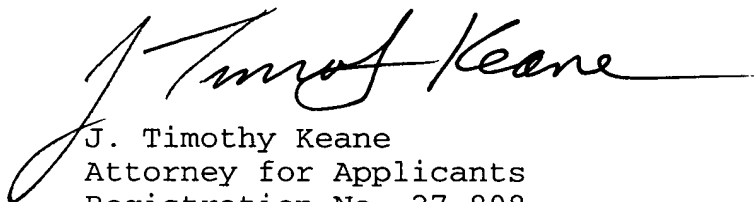
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Please address all future communications with regard to this application to Joseph R. Schuh at the address indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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